

## PROGRESS OF TERRITORY

CENSUS REPORTS SHOW RAPID ADVANCEMENT IN INDUSTRIES.

Invested Capital in Manufacturing Establishments in Five Years from 1900 to 1905 Increased 215 Per Cent—Wage Earners.

Washington, D. C., April 15.—(Special)—The statistics for the manufacturing industries of Indian Territory, as reported by the census of 1900 and 1905, shows an increase in the number of establishments of 287, or 160.3 per cent. The total capital increased \$3,424,791, or 215.1 per cent, and the value of products \$5,280,384, or 209.8 per cent; while the average number of wage earners increased 1,170, or 107.5 per cent, and the total wages \$764,890, or 201.7 per cent.

The reports of the 12th census show 179 establishments in Indian Territory, with 1,714 wage earners, and products valued at \$3,892,181. Of these 179 employing 1,087 wage earners and manufacturing products valued at \$2,629,067 are comparable with the class of establishments included in the census of 1905, when the number of establishments reported was 466, the number of wage earners 2,257, and the value of products \$7,962,451.

Statistics of the manufacturers of the territory were first published in the census reports of 1890. The manufacturers were chiefly such as are dependent upon the resources as at present developed, these resources being mainly agricultural. In 1900 there was no municipality with a population of 8,000 or over.

The 241 establishments reported in 1905 for the four leading industries formed 51.7 per cent of the total number for the territory. Their capital amounted to \$2,984,221; employment was given to an average of 1,099 wage earners, to whom wages were paid amounting to \$480,217; and the products during the year were valued at \$5,264,551, forming 59.6, 48.7, 42.8 and 55.6 per cent, respectively, of the totals for the territory.

First in importance, according to value of products in 1905, as in 1900, was the flour and meal mill industry. The number of establishments increased from 26 in 1900 to 33 in 1905. The average number of wage-earners, from 97 to 161, or 65 per cent; and the value of products from \$1,117,445 to \$2,582,637 or 131.4 per cent.

At the census of 1905, the number of bushels of wheat used was 7,554,070, an increase over 1900 of 40,826 bushels or 35.2 per cent. During the same period the quantity of corn used increased 653,326 bushels, or 106.8 per cent.

The wheat flour reported at the census of 1905, as compared with that of 1900, showed an increase in quantity of \$9,016 barrels, or 37.4 per cent, and \$878,126 or 118.8 per cent in value. For the same period corn meal showed an increase in value of \$105,903 or 90.5 per cent; feed \$321,563 or 105.6 per cent; and oil \$167,722 or 203.9 per cent.

There has been a notable increase in the manufacture of cotton seed products. The industry, however, ranked second as to value of products both in 1905 and 1900. During this period the average number of wage-earners increased from 121 to 282, or 133.1 per cent; and the value of products, from \$451,650 to \$1,505,295 or 233.3 per cent.

The quantity of cotton seed used increased from 26,415 tons in 1900 to 51,501 tons in 1905, or 95.2 per cent. Of the products, crude oil increased in quantity from 931,885 gallons to 3,012,446 gallons, or 223.4 per cent, and in value from \$207,251 to \$605,363, or 192.2 per cent. Meal and cake increased in quantity from 9,185 tons to 22,198 tons, or 250.5 per cent, and in value from \$182,807 to \$636,069, or 247.9 per cent. Hulls and linters also increased largely in both quantity and value.

The printing and publishing of newspapers and periodicals ranked third, and the manufacture of lumber and timber products fourth, in 1905, both industries showing a large percentage of increase in value of products.

Among the industries for which reports were received in 1905, but not in 1900, are the manufacture of gas, explosives, glass and furniture, the totals for which are included in all "other industries," to avoid disclosing individual operations.

Between 1900 and 1905 the proportion of establishments owned by individuals increased in only one of the three industries; similarly, an increase for those under corporate ownership occurred in only one industry, while the proportion of establishments controlled by firms increased in two of the three industries.

Of the total number of establishments in the territory, 250 or 53.6 per cent, were owned by individuals; they employed 23.4 per cent of the wage earners and produced 21.6 per cent of the total value of products. Incorporated companies owned 20.6 per cent of the establishments, employed 59.8 per cent of the wage earners, and produced 63.8 per cent of the total value of products.

Of the 227 establishments for the three selected industries owned 62.5 per cent, gave employment to 43.2 per cent of the wage earners, and produced 29.4 per cent of the value of products, while incorporated companies, owning but 11 per cent of the number of establishments, gave employment to 33.5 per cent of the wage earners, and their products represented 53.9 per cent of the total for the three industries.

The horse power reported in 1900 includes that for the so-called hand trades excluded from the census of 1905, which fact in a measure affects

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